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At your service

Good or bad? Traffic police go beyond call of duty to fix roads or to unclog drains to clear up water-logging

Every tree counts

After four years of dilly-dallying, there seems to be some movement on much-awaited tree census in city

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Tax on newly registered vehicles to support gig workers — proposal gets two thumbs-down, from workers as well as motorists who pay steep road tax as it is

INTO THE CESSPIT

Such move may prompt people to get vehicles registered from neighbouring states

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A recent statement by the State Labour Minister has rankled a lot of motorists in the city. Santosh Lad had proposed to impose a 5% cess on newly registered vehicles in order to support the welfare of more than 45 lakh informal and gig workers in the state. This has angered a significant section of the public as currently Karnataka already levies one of the highest road taxes in the country (ranging from 13%-20%).

While speaking to reporters on September 7 at Vidhana Soudha, Lad said that the cess is being imposed to ensure the welfare of gig as well as informal workers and aid their transition into the organised sector through the introduction of social security benefits such as insurance, health and education. He noted that a large majority of employees within the transport field employed in the private sector, such as cleaners, conductors, mechanics and drivers, lack job security and over four lakh individuals working for online services lack social security.

Suman Das, a member of the All Indian IT and ITes Employees' Union (AIITEU), said that the government must first clearly define what gig work entails. "The government currently considers them (gig workers) as non-traditional workers but in reality, most of them have to work more

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> "These shortcuts (imposition of cess) coming from the consumer's end will only be nominal. While we want social security from the government, it must be funded by the companies that employ the workers
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> — Suman Das, AIITEU

House of history

Bengalurean on a mission to make sure Nissen Houses are not forgotten

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Did you know that during World War one, Bengaluru had houses that could be built easily, economically and very quickly? However, as time lapsed, many of these houses were forgotten and are now fast losing ground. A Bengalurean has decided to not let these historical houses fade away.

Shyam Kondavarthi, a former software engineer, told BM that he has embarked on a mission to revive the historical heritage of the city that has been largely overlooked. He shed light on an aspect of the city's past that holds significant cultural value – the Nissen Houses, a forgotten relic of affordable housing.

"These Nissen Houses were the brainchild of Major Peter Nissen, an officer of the British Army during World War I. Designed as half-cylindrical structures made from

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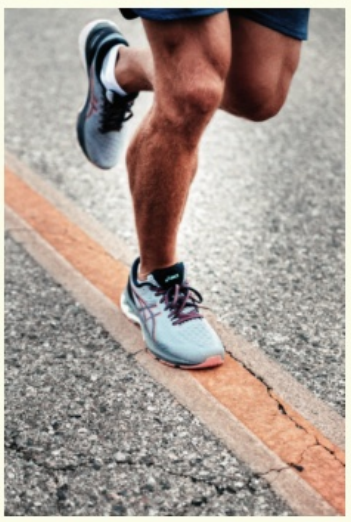
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Run with pets



Shriram Properties in association with The Bengaluru Marathon is conducting a 5-km 'Tails & Trails'. If you are a passionate runner then grab the opportunity to participate in this woof-friendly run. You can also bring your beloved pets with you.
Where: Shriram Pristine Estates in Doddaballapura Main Road; When: Saturday, September 30; 6:30 am

02 Handmade beauties

Don't miss the Bengaluru Arts and Crafts Exhibition, which showcases a magnificent collection of handmade treasures. This event offers a plethora of shopping options, especially for the upcoming Gauri Ganesha festival. From clothing to decorative items, there is a wide variety available, including handcrafted boutique prints, intricate cut work, and jewellery designs. Actress Sindhu Loknath inaugurated the event.
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
When: until September 24

03 Korean love

Samsung is celebrating a significant milestone and conducting a K-FIESTA event on the backdrop of the fifth-year anniversary of Samsung Opera House, the world's largest mobile-experience store. The event features voice and dance battles, Korean movie screenings, Korean cuisine workshops, engaging photo booths, exciting games, flash mobs, and more.
Where: 57 Brigade Road, Residency Road, near Junction of Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar
When: Sunday, September 24; 12 pm onwards

It's a rightful tour

Sexual minorities visit Vidhana Soudha for first time and learn about functioning of Assembly; get accompanied by parliamentary guide

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Around 40 sexual minorities from across the state visited Vidhana Soudha under the leadership of Akkai Padmashali, who works for the welfare of sexual minorities

Thursday will remain a memorable day for around 40 sexual minorities. They will cherish every moment they spent at one of the key places in the state, as they got an opportunity to visit Vidhana Soudha to learn how the State Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council function.

Around 40 sexual minorities from across the state gathered in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue under the leadership of Akkai Padmashali, who works for the welfare of sexual minorities. They got prior permission from the authorities to visit Vidhana Soudha.

Assembly Speaker's advisor, P Omprakash, wrote a letter to the chief marshal of Vidhana Soudha on September 20 to make arrangements for the visit of sexual minorities to the State Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council at 10:30 am on Thursday. Omprakash advised the Chief Marshal to take help of J Gnana Shekhar, a parliamentary guide to the Assembly Speaker, for the benefit of the sexual minorities visiting Vidhana Soudha.

A few marshals and Gnana Shekhar accompanied the sexual minorities. "It is the first of its kind, not only in Karnataka but in the country. The purpose of our visit to Vidhana Soudha is to create awareness among sexual minorities about how parliamentary or democratic institutions are functioning. I am very happy to lead our community," said Akkai Padmashali, an activist who works for the welfare of sexual minorities.

She said that the group of sexual minorities would visit the High Court today to meet honourable judges and learn how the judiciary functions for the benefit of weaker sections of society.

Most of the sexual minorities were in awe as soon as they entered the Legislative Assembly. They were keen to know about the seating arrangements for ruling and opposition parties in the Assembly. The Parliamentary Guide to the Speaker narrated the history of Vidhana Soudha and its salient features.

"I am very happy to have this opportunity. I am a double graduate (MA in Sociology). I had the opportunity to visit Vidhana Soudha along with my community leaders to meet a minister. It is the first time I entered the State Legislative Assembly and Council Halls," said Sonu M from Ramanagara.

> **"It is the first of its kind, not only in K'taka but in our country. The purpose is to create awareness among sexual minorities**
> – Akkai Padmashali, an activist

Sony, a transgender person from JP Nagar, said that she was very happy to have this opportunity to visit the State Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council Halls. "All these years, I used to glance at the massive structure while commuting to Dr Ambedkar Veedhi. I am thrilled while entering the State Assembly Hall," said Sony.

A few sexual minorities were seen thanking the Parliamentary Guide to the Speaker for explaining how the parliamentary institutions function. Meanwhile, J Gnana Shekhar, the Parliamentary Guide to the Speaker, said that he was very happy to guide the sexual minorities.

"I am impressed with their curiosity to know about the parliamentary institutions. For the first time, a group of transgender people led by Akkai Padmashali visited Vidhana Soudha to learn how democratic institutions function. They had an opportunity to understand the features of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly and Council," said Shekhar.

Smooth process for transfer of collected fund is needed

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than 12 hours to earn minimum wage," he said, adding that in other first-world countries, students and those with low-income jobs take up gig work as a second source of income, while in the Indian scenario, workers are engaged in full-time gig work. He explained that the government must help create an employer-employee relationship between the platform company and the partner in order to provide protection to the workers within the ambit of existing labour laws. "These shortcuts (imposition of cess) coming from the consumer's end will only be nominal. While we want social security from the government, it must be funded by the companies that employ the workers," he said, urging the government to introduce strict regulations to monitor such platforms.

Tanveer Pasha, President of Ola Uber Drivers and Owners Association, said that the government must collect the required funds from aggregator companies while also pitching in a certain amount and create welfare schemes on a large scale. "We have suggested the same to the government when talks were going on to set up a gig workers' welfare board. The government must ensure that money is not taken out of the driver's pocket," he said, adding that the benefits must include health insurance, easy access to education, group housing and direct loans.

Alok Prasanna, Co-founder and Team Lead from Vidhi Centre of Legal Policy, told Bangalore Mirror that if the government imposes an indirect tax on companies, it will be passed on to the consumer, similar to the situation in Rajasthan.

In July, Rajasthan approved a bill to impose a surcharge on online transactions via platforms like Amazon, Ola and Zomato in order to fund welfare benefits for gig workers. The first such scheme in the country will collect a surcharge of up to 2% on transactions and deposit the proceeds in a welfare fund run by a board with workers, industry as well as government representatives. Alok noted that the collection of the proposed tax would be easy as the infrastructure is already set up with the transport department collecting road tax. However, since the collected cess must go to a particular fund, transfer from the transport department to the labour department will prove to be a hassle, he said. "When property tax is collected, a library cess is levied and is supposed to be collected by the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) which is then sent to the state government. Many ULBs fail to send the collected fund and adjust it in other spaces, which must not be done," he said, providing an example. He said that it is important to ensure a smooth mechanism for transfer of the collected fund within the two departments involved and further administering it. Alok further said that since Karnataka already levies one of the highest road taxes in the country, consumers may opt to register their vehicles in neighbouring states. "It may lead to unwanted negative side effects like disincentivising the public from buying greener new vehicles as they would choose to stick with old ones," he added.

KAUSHIK JN

Well, hello there

A mannequin used to alert commuters about a bad patch on the Main Guard Cross Road near Commercial Street

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Beyond the call of duty

As traffic police personnel chip in to sort out infra woes, citizens wonder whether to praise this act or question civic agency's failures

Filling potholes is not part of their job, but traffic police are seen doing what they can to make commutes easier (File photo)

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As a commuter Vajapeyam Srivatsa was stuck in the rain on Wednesday, he noticed two traffic policemen trying to clear a clogged drain. Srivatsa took to X to express his gratitude towards the police.

"Two traffic police of KS Layout who were trying to clear water logging at Sarakki junction due to clogged drain. Imagine how busy they are at this junction managing the traffic but they tried to help the public by going beyond the call of duty," said Srivatsa.

Soon after that, other netizens added that they rely more on traffic police rather than Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBM) when infrastructural problems cause traffic chaos.

"This is yet another example of how low the governance has fallen. When elected leaders are busy with party and power politics, the governance suffers. While sympathising with the police on traffic duty for going out of the way to manage traffic, I hope the Home Ministry takes necessary corrective action," tweeted another netizen.

Srivatsa told BM that he has noticed that whenever it rains or if a pothole is spotted on the road, only traffic police seem to be sensitive about the issue. "BBMP doesn't seem to care about people on the road. So, traffic police have to go out of their way to ensure people' safety," he told BM.

Another resident of Bellandur, Shruti, said that she too has every now and then witnessed traffic policemen on the road trying to unclog drains where water-logging becomes an issue.

"Even during last year's floods, traffic police personnel were making sure that the water-logging on the road was sorted out. This is primarily the job of the civic agency but now we expect that a traffic warden will tackle infrastructural issues," she told BM.

While many applauded the work of the traffic police on social media, some netizens said that we should stop praising and start questioning BBMP.

"Police personnel already have a back breaking assignment, why do we want to keep adding up on them and keep praising that culture?" asked a user.

BM approached a traffic warden to understand if they are advised by the traffic department to unclog the drains.

"There is no such instruction by the department. We are always told that our duty is to ensure the free flow of traffic. But numerous times, I have helped people by trying to fill a pothole or by unclogging the drains during the rainy season. We do it out of our sense of duty and compassion," she said.

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> – Traffic warden

Man on a mission: Ramps at 11 PHCs

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In an initiative aimed at improving accessibility for the elderly, pregnant women, and individuals with disabilities, Prateek Khandelwal, a wheelchair-bound activist, has successfully installed 11 ramps at primary health centres (PHCs) in Bengaluru. This inspiring endeavour falls under the "Ramp My City" project, which Khandelwal initiated after noticing the lack of wheelchair-accessible facilities during the height of the covid-19 pandemic.

Khandelwal, who faced challenges accessing PHCs himself, took it upon himself to make a difference. "It was during covid when PHCs started offering vaccinations. I went to one of the PHCs and found no ramps for easy accessibility, especially for wheelchair users, the elderly, and pregnant women. That very day, I decided to take action and have ramps installed at public health facilities," he shared.

The project that began three months ago has achieved remarkable success. Ramps have now been installed in the following government health facilities: NS Palya UPHC (BTM Layout), Agara UPHC, Kodihalli UPHC, Jeevanahalli UPHC, Vibhutipura UPHC, Old Bypanahalli UPHC, Gunjur UPHC, A Narayanapura UPHC, Basavanagudi Namma Clinic, KR Puram Namma Clinic and JP Nagar 7th phase Namma Clinic.

He further plans to install ramps at numerous other government health facilities. The project's funding was made possible through corporate social responsibility (CSR) contributions.

Prateek Khandelwal has set up ramps at 11 PHCs

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Waiting game at flyover site

Yelahanka flyover faces 6-month delay, now due by March 2024; commuters complain of increasing traffic snarls at junction

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File Photo: With the new deadline, the much-awaited flyover project has overshot its original deadline by over nine months; work on the project was started in January 2022

Traffic woes at Yelahanka junction are likely to continue for at least six more months as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) four-lane flyover project is delayed further, with completion now anticipated by March 31, 2024. According to the road infrastructure department of BBMP, the delay is due to the shortage of jelly stones and other construction raw materials.

"We were facing an acute shortage of raw materials such as jelly stones and sand over the last couple of months, and thus, we had to push the deadline by a few months. However, the issue has now been resolved, and work on-site has restarted fully. We expect it to be over by March 31, 2024," said BS Prahalad, Chief Engineer of the BBMP road infrastructure division.

With this new deadline, the much-awaited flyover project has overshot its original deadline by over nine months. Work on the project was started in January 2022, and the detailed project report by the civic agency then suggested that it would be completed in 18 months. BBMP, at the beginning of the project, had also announced that it would be finishing the construction ahead of its original deadline. However, after it missed the first deadline, authorities set January 1, 2024, as the inauguration day of the flyover.

Upon inspection of the construction site, Bangalore Mirror found that 29 of the total 56 pillars to prop up the flyover have been built.

The delay in project completion has irked residents and commuters in the area. Traffic snarls have become a common sight at the junction, with waiting times ever-increasing. "We were hoping the flyover would be ready for use by January 2023, as declared by BBMP. The construction work has made our commute harder and longer. The situation worsens over the weekend or on rainy days, and queues of vehicles stretch up to the Rail Wheel Factory's main gate. Any alternate route will be more time-consuming as my office is located on the same stretch towards Hebbal," said a regular commuter.

> **"We were facing an acute shortage of raw materials such as jelly stones and sand over the last couple of months** – BS Prahalad, Chief Engineer, BBMP road infrastructure

Meanwhile, BBMP officials said a traffic diversion plan is being sketched to ease traffic on the stretch. "We are aware of the traffic issues due to ongoing construction work, and we will soon be proposing a plan for the Bengaluru Traffic Police department to ease snarls. Buses coming towards Yelahanka junction from the city are crossing the Yelahanka Police Station to continue on Doddaballapur Main Road. To avoid the congestion at Yelahanka junction, we propose that the buses take a left turn at Allalasandra Main Road and bypass the junction traffic. This is a beautiful stretch that is currently underutilized. It will ease the traffic at Yelahanka junction and the major chunk of the under-construction stretch. BBMP will soon be submitting a detailed proposal for this diversion," said Prahalad.

The flyover, once completed, will link four traffic junctions: Yelahanka Police Station, Seshadripuram First Grade College Junction, NES Circle, and Sandeep Unnikrishnan Circle. Moreover, the 1.8-kilometre stretch will give its users signal-free passage too.

On a relic revival mission

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corrugated iron, these houses were a quick and cost-effective solution for soldiers' accommodation. In 1914, over a thousand of these houses were erected in Austin Town, Bangalore, by the British Army, serving as temporary dwellings for soldiers during the war. Today, only four of these historical structures remain."

He added that he decided to explore more about Nissen Houses in July. "I delved into the history of these houses. The unique design allowed for easy and rapid construction, crucial during the exigencies of war. The half-cylindrical shape was ingeniously devised – flat sheets were stacked and transported efficiently, with 50 sheets fitting onto a single bullock cart. This efficient transport method made these houses the ideal choice, considering the limitations of traditional brick transportation."

These kinds of houses were built as they could be constructed quickly. "The construction process was remarkably swift – simply erect the sheets, and a functional house took shape. It was fascinating to uncover this history while researching World War I. I stumbled upon pictures of these huts in Australia, erected by the British Army for soldiers. This triggered a recollection in me that I had spotted similar houses in the RSI building at the corner of MG Road and Brigade Road back in the 1980s. My curiosity led me to discover the legacy of these Nissen Houses," he said, adding that the exploration revealed that four of these unique structures still stand, carrying with them a piece of Bengaluru's past.

He believes that these structures have the potential to be repurposed as war memorials, serving as a tribute to the city's historical connection with global events and preserving a tangible link to its past.

"There is a need to highlight the need for greater awareness and appreciation of Bengaluru's lesser-known historical sites. By shedding light on these forgotten relics, we hope to inspire a renewed interest in preserving and repurposing these structures for future generations to appreciate and learn from," he added.

Metro: Safety checked!

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The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has confirmed that the statutory safety inspection of the newly constructed line between Baiyappanahalli and Krishnarajapura metro stations was held on Thursday by the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS), was successfully completed. The CMRS is likely to submit a report on Monday along with its approval subject to specific conditions. After this, the BMRCL will be consulting with the union as well as state government to finalise a date for commercial operations commencement.

This particular stretch on the Purple line has received much attention as it will connect the tech corridor to other corners in the city. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the extended stretch from KR Puram to Whitefield on the Purple line, despite a lack of connection between Baiyappanahalli and KR Puram due to pending work in Benniganahalli. Many commuters who have been consistently disappointed with the deadline for making the connection being pushed from the initial July 15 to August and several times in September are now breathing a sigh of relief. Once the commercial operations begin, the option of travelling by the Purple line will be feasible for those living away from KR Puram, Whitefield and other areas in the surroundings. The daily ridership of BMRCL is likely to reach 7.5 lakh once the 2.1 km stretch between Baiyappanahalli and KR Puram, and 1.9 km stretch of Challa-ghatta and Kengeri become operational. **— BMB**

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Dumping menace

Basavanagudi

Despite the imposed restrictions and border installations, the problem of garbage dumping in Basavanagudi has resurfaced. This area is also being misused as a urination site.

Left forever

KHB Main Road

This car has been left unattended for several months, causing traffic congestion along KHB Main Road, near KB Sandra, opposite Bhavani Steel Traders.

Mosquitoes bites

Banashankari

Pushpanjali Park in BSK 3rd Stage is very poorly maintained, and stagnant water in the fountain has become a breeding place for mosquitoes. BBMP needs to take immediate action.

Tree census: BBMP finally readies to get counting

Tender for census to be floated within days; project duration expected to be 6 months

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After four long years, decks seem to have been cleared for the much-awaited tree census of Bengaluru. According to the Forest cell of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the civic agency is in the process of floating a tender for the project soon.

"We consulted the senior officials last week and we are in a hurry to get started with the census. The department has received a go-ahead to float a tender and documents are currently being reviewed by the commissioner. Within two to three days, the tender for Bengaluru's tree census will be floated. We are calling for a short tender and six months will be allotted for the project to be completed. We plan to award the work order within one month from now," said BLG Swamy, DCF, Forest Department, BBMP.

Swamy also informed BM that the tender document specifies certain conditions to ensure the project is conducted scientifically.

"Although anyone can apply, we have included certain conditions such as the requirement of a qualified botanist on the team. The agency that will be awarded the work order will also have to stick to the timeframe and use the application developed by the Karnataka Remote Sensing Institute," added Swamy.

Reflection of a tree on a rainy day in the city

Notably, the census, mandated by the Karnataka High Court four years ago is still only on paper. In October 2019, the High Court directed BBMP to start the city's tree enumeration within one month starting October 10 of that year. While there have been many attempts by the Palike to kick start the survey in the past, all the plans so far have stayed only on the drawing board.

After the court's order, as per the provisions of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976, the civic agency had first reached out to the Institute of Wood Science and Technology and then to Gandhi Krishi Vigyana Kendra (GKVK) to conduct the survey. However, after months of discussions, the contracts did not take off.

BM had earlier reported that BBMP was contemplating handing over the project to GKVK. However, BBMP has backtracked yet again. "GKVK's proposal is not being reevaluated as the government did not agree to give 4G exemption and directed BBMP to call for tenders. As of now, we have kept aside Rs 4 crore for the project. The sanctioned rate by the Karnataka Forest Department is Rs 18 per tree. A rough estimate says there are around one crore trees in the city and the cost might go up to Rs 16-17 crore. However, BBMP will be enumerating only the avenue trees and trees on government land," said a BBMP official.

The census will document girth, unique tree ID, species name, and photograph of every tree in the city. The unique ID will be painted on every tree and QR codes will be affixed to selected trees to be scanned to access key information.

Abducted, locked up and raped

A 21-year-old woman claims that after kidnapping her from Lucknow, a distant cousin sexually assaulted her in Bengaluru. The alleged assault occurred on August 23, but a complaint wasn't filed until Wednesday. According to Vikram Singh, SHO, Krishna Nagar, a complaint had been filed against the 28-year-old suspect under Sections 328 (poisoning), 342 (wrongful detention), 376 (rape), and 506 (criminal intimidation), and the woman's claims were being looked into.

It is alleged by the complainant that as she was returning home from Guru Nanak Girls' Degree College in Charbagh in August, a relative from Bahraich gave her a soft drink spiked with sedatives. The FIR claimed, the accused made her sit in an auto rickshaw and kidnapped her holding a knife.

The victim was then flown to Bengaluru by him. The victim reported the incident to authorities, stating that the alleged accused took her cell phone, documents, and flew her to Bengaluru where he put her in a room and sexually assaulted her several times.

According to the victim, the man then locked her in a flat in Bengaluru, and she was able to escape after neighbours heard her scream and freed her. **–BMB**

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Just 221 children adopted in Karnataka last year

State stands 15th in terms of child adoptions, accounting for up to 6.43% of the total

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Adoption numbers in the State are yet to pick up as Karnataka lags behind many other states. As per the latest data, Karnataka occupies 15th position among all states and union territories in India, with only 221 children adopted during the last one year. On the other hand, Maharashtra stands out with the highest adoption rate 562 adoptions during the same period.

Overall, 3,441 adoptions took place across the country, of which Karnataka's adoption rate amounts to approximately 6.43%. This means that about 6.43% of all adoptions in India during the last year occurred in Karnataka.

Activists say that the Government should come up with more awareness and incentives to encourage adoption as it will not only give a new life to an orphan kid but also a new life for the foster parents who want to adopt a child. However, the Centre says that it has taken up numerous measures.

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani told Rajya Sabha recently the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), the Adoption Regulations of 2022 have been formulated in alignment with the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which was amended in 2021 and officially notified on 23rd September 2022. These new regulations were designed with a focus on addressing the challenges faced by CARA and other stakeholders, including Adoption Agencies and Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs).

"Notable features of the Adoption Regulations, 2022 include empowering District Magistrates to issue Adoption Orders instead of going through the court system. Additionally, the upper age limit for PAPs has been reduced to 85 years for couples and 40 years for single PAPs, specifically if they are adopting a child below the age of two years. CARA has also introduced a 7-day adoption effort for Resident Indian (RI), Non-Resident Indian (NRI), and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) PAPs. Furthermore, under the new regulations, the health status of the child will be determined by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. There are strict timelines for various stages of the adoption process, including uploading the Legally Free for Adoption (LFA) information within ten days, examining special needs children within fifteen days by the Chief Medical Officer, and verifying adoption application documents by the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) within five days."

Activists say adoption not only gives a new life to the child, but it also comes as a precious opportunity for those who want to be parents

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> –Smriti Irani, Union Minister

She said that the regulations emphasised the importance of counselling for all relevant stakeholders, such as prospective parents and older children, at pre-adoption, adoption, and post-adoption stages. They also prioritise foster adoption of children who have already been in foster care for two years. Additionally, stringent measures have been put in place to address any disruptions or dissolutions caused by Prospective Adoptive Parents. "To streamline the adoption process and enhance transparency, the Child Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System (CARINGS), an online platform, has been developed. This web-based management system aims to minimise delays at various levels and provide end-to-end digital processing. Recent amendments to the regulations have been incorporated into the online portal, known as Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS). After uploading all necessary child-related documents on the portal, referrals are sent to Prospective Adoptive Parents based on their seniority. PAPs also have the option to reserve a child through the "hard to place" 7-days' tab for RI/NRI/OCI PAPs and the special needs module, irrespective of their seniority. Additionally, adoption orders are now issued online by the Deputy Commissioners," she added.

Cauvery: Protests after SC refuses to intervene

Protests erupted in various parts of Cauvery river basin districts of Karnataka after the Supreme Court refused to interfere with orders of the Cauvery Water Management Authority and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee, directing the state to release 5,000 cusecs of water to neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

Farmers organisations and pro-Kannada organisations staged protests in Mysuru, Mandya, Bengaluru and other parts expressing their anger and urging the state government not to release water to Tamil Nadu.

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene (farmers organisation) staged a protest at Basaveshwara circle in Mysuru, and raised slogans: "Where is water to release? And we demand justice."

They have also planned to lay siege to the Command Area Development Authority office in Mysuru, as a mark of protest.

KRV leader Narayana Gowda and his supporters staged a protest at Gandhi Nagar on Thursday

Pointing out that Cauvery and Kabini basin taluks have already been declared as drought hit, a farmer leader alleged, CWMA orders are in favour of Tamil Nadu as it is without taking into account the water level at reservoirs, standing crops and drinking water needs of Karnataka.

Karnataka Rakshana Vedike staged a protest at Gandhinagar, urging the state government not to release water to Tamil Nadu at any cost. Vedike chief TA Narayana Gowda, terming it as a "black day" for Karnataka, said, "the Supreme Court has shut its door on us, by upholding the orders of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) order."

"We have to defy the orders of the Supreme Court and the CWMA, when the orders have come without understanding the ground situation. We (Karnataka) have said that we are not in a position to release water as there is no water in our four dams even for drinking and have asked them to send a team to assess the situation, despite that CWMA sitting in Delhi has issued an order, which has been upheld by SC, it cannot be tolerated," he said.

Gowda and scores of Vedike activists were detained and taken away in police vehicles.

Urging Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to take a strong decision in the interests of the state and not to release water, he said, "all the activists and people are ready to go with him to jail for defying orders. Siddaramaiah has to do what (S) Bangarappa (former CM) did in the past by bringing in an ordinance to defy the orders."

BJP leader and former Minister R Ashoka accused Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, who is Water Resources Minister, of betraying the people of Karnataka to protect the political interests of the Congress party. "They (Congress) want (M K) Stalin's (TN CM) cooperation for Parliamentary elections, so they released water betraying the people of Karnataka," he said. **–PTI**

Toll rise: 2 more deer die at BBP

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The death toll at Bannerghatta Biological Park is rising every day. While the park registered 17 deer deaths till the evening of September 20, two more deer succumbed by late Wednesday night, taking the total toll to 19. This is after BBP had reported the death of seven leopard cubs over the last month after they were infected by the Feline Panleukopenia (FP) virus.

"Two more deer died on Wednesday late at night due to abdominal diseases (hemorrhagic enteritis and endocarditis). We had recovered 37 deer from St John's hospital and 18 are now surviving. These animals came to us with anemia and liver issues. They are currently on antibiotic treatment, quarantined, and under observation. We will be able to say anything with certainty only after a couple of days," said AV Surya Sen, deputy conservator of forests and executive director of BBP.

The herd of 37 deer was relocated to BBP from St John's Hospital premises in August by the Karnataka Forest Department. As per the officials from BBP, while five deer died last month due to injuries from infighting, the rest of them died over the past three days due to bacterial infection.

Regarding the FP outbreak, BBP officials informed us that the infection is under control. BBP currently has 63 leopards including the cubs and all these wild cats are vaccinated except a couple of leopard cubs that are too young.

"These two cubs are with the mother and since the mother is vaccinated, we are hoping the cubs will get antibodies through the mother's milk. Four out of the seven cubs that died were with the mother and it was difficult to treat them with the mother around. The only way to treat FP is through intravenous fluid drips and it proved challenging to capture them for treatment when the mother is on guard," added Sen.

Forest Minister visits BBP

Karnataka Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Ishwar Khandre visited the park on Thursday to take stock of the situation after the recent animal deaths and has instructed all the zoos in the state to be on high alert and to take necessary precautionary measures to prevent infection of wild cats in captivity.

The Minister, on his visit, held a meeting with the higher officials of BBP and Karnataka Forest Department and ordered that none of the BBP staff should make a visit to any other zoo in the state to contain the spread of the virus. He further advised zoo officials to vaccinate all wild cats across all the zoos, if required.

Cruising together

Mother-daughter biker duo conquers world's highest motorable pass

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As Umling La earns the title of the world's highest motorable road, a growing number of adventure enthusiasts are drawn to the challenge of conquering this remarkable pass. Situated approximately 350 kilometres from Leh city near the Indo-China border, the famed Umling La Pass stands proudly at an astounding elevation of 19,024 feet above sea level. It was meticulously constructed as part of Project HIMANK by the Border Road Organisation (BRO), with completion in 2017 and public access opening towards the end of 2021.

Undoubtedly, this journey is not for the faint-hearted. Vilma Carvalho, a corporate trainer, and her daughter Cherish embarked on an epic expedition to conquer the world's highest motorable road. Carvalho shared her experience, highlighting the formidable challenges they encountered on this daring adventure. She said, "Navigating the Ladakh terrain is already a formidable task for riders, but the journey from the village of Hanle to Umling La presents additional hurdles. It features sections of off-roading, sand dunes, and treacherous sandy mountain roads, rendering it an immensely challenging route for all riders. Accompanied by three other riders from Kerala, my daughter Cherish and I embarked on this exhilarating trip."

Due to its remote location away from Leh city, the roads leading to this pass are still undergoing development, resulting in fewer riders venturing along this route. The Leh-to-Leh tour encompassed five days and covered a total distance of approximately 900 kilometres. Carvalho credited her daughter for her unwavering support and encouragement throughout the tour, making this otherwise impossible feat achievable for a 55-year-old woman. She noted, "Every bike rider dreams of riding in Ladakh at least once, but in reality, no rider stops at just one Ladakh journey. Last year, I visited Khardung La, the second highest motorable road."

Carvalho explained that bikers face numerous challenges during such expeditions, including high-altitude sickness or acute mountain sickness, complications arising from low oxygen levels, severe headaches, dizziness, and nausea, among others. She emphasised on the importance of thorough preparation, covering aspects such as diet, fitness, and overall well-being, which they meticulously undertook for a year. Given her age, she opted for yoga, surya namaskar, pranayama, and meditation to maintain fitness.

> **We faced challenges, but the overwhelming sense of accomplishment in overcoming these and reaching what felt like the top of the world is indescribable**
>
> –Cherish, Vilma's daughter

She also stressed the significance of acclimatising to the weather conditions for a day or two and staying hydrated while adapting to the limited food options available in the remote regions of Ladakh, where travelers often find themselves with little more than noodles or bread and omelette.

Carvalho also highlighted the necessity for women riders to carry personal feminine hygiene products, as convenience stores become increasingly scarce the farther one ventures from Leh city. As her team embarked on their tour in September, with winter beginning to set in, they encountered sub-zero temperatures for one night at Tso Moriri.

Cherish added, "We faced numerous challenges, including bone-chilling cold, low oxygen levels, slippery roads due to fine gravel, deep valleys, narrow roads without barricades, off-road sections, icy water crossings, and sand dunes. But, the overwhelming sense of accomplishment in overcoming these challenges and reaching what felt like the top of the world is indescribable. We triumphantly reached the Umling La Pass on September 11, 2023."

On a solo trip

Prepare yourself for thrills and challenges of travelling entirely on your own

Sure, there's lots of inspiration out there to travel solo, but it's reasonable to be apprehensive. If you're serious about trying solo travel, we suggest that you take a road trip first. Here's why:

Perfect Introduction To Travelling Alone
Plot yourself a one-week road trip somewhere in India, preferably a place with decent accommodation each night, and plenty to do each day as you travel from one place to the next. You will discover that road tripping on your own is harder than you think – it takes some mental and physical endurance – but you will still be on home ground, with familiar language around you. Having said that, you will discover that only you are totally in charge of ensuring your logistics and safety: planning in advance, pivoting when necessary, making sure you never run out of petrol/diesel, carrying physical maps for when Google Maps fails, and keeping your phone charged.

You Get Used To Being By Yourself
It is a challenge to learn to love our own company. Boredom can certainly hit but, with good planning, you'll realise that you need not be alone. Choose your accommodation so that you meet up with other travellers every evening after a long day driving by yourself; it will keep any homesickness at bay, and stave off the feeling of being alone. Take the opportunity to get used to your own company, and tailor your future trips accordingly.

Interacting With Each Destination
When you travel with family or friends, different people take on different roles. Someone might be the ace navigator, someone else will lay out every aspect of the itinerary. Someone else might take charge of checking you all into accommodation, someone else susses out places to eat for every meal. When you take your road trip, you are the driver of your journey – in more ways than one. Keep in mind that you are a solo traveller, and you are the one enjoying the joys and challenges of a trip on your own. Make sure you spend enough time interacting with locals and other travellers in preparation for trips in the future that are more out of your comfort zone. And, it goes without saying, be cautious about your own safety.

Get Familiar With Your Own Travel Habits
Yes, you have space in the boot so overpacking is allowed, but, if you keep track, a road trip will help you work out what you absolutely can and cannot travel with. You will quickly learn whether you like homestays, hotels or boutique stays. You will work out whether you're more comfortable in buzzy eateries or quieter cafes. Your learnings will include how on point your budgeting is, how spontaneous you tend to be… Take it all on board, and use these insights on bigger trips in the future.

Is Solo Travel For You?
When you do your road trip alone, you might discover that being alone in a beautiful new space is almost spiritual – or you might find that you absolutely hate not having someone to share that beauty with. It's absolutely okay to discover that solo travel is not for you.

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I, Jayanti Vijaykumar Kulkarni R/a AG1, CBR Prakruti, Flower Garden Road, Babusapalya, B'lore-43. I have changed my name to Jayanti Kulkarni. Vide affidavit dated 21-09-23 Sworn before notary Uday Kumar K B'lore.

I, Lohit Srinivas Reddy R/o231, Kodihalli main road, HAL 2nd stage, Bengaluru 560008 have changed my minor daughter name from Nesha Shree Reddy to Nesha Sree Reddy affidavit Dt.21/09/2022 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I Kumar Keshav R/a No. NA-401, 28/1, BTM 4th Stage, 2nd Block, Devarachikkana Halli, Blore-560076 have changed my name to Keshav Singh vide affidavit dt 21.09.2023, before notary B.M.Chandrashekar

I SHANAZ BEE W/o MOHAMMED YOUSUF R/o Siddapura Nademavinapura Kunigal Taluk Yediyur Hobli Tumakaru 572130 have changed my name to SHAHANAZ for all purposes

I Hanumegowda R/o No-52/1,kumbarahalli pipeline road,Hesaragatta Hobli,B'luru 560090 have changed my name to Hanumegowda Gangahanumaiah for all purposes.

I SYED ZIYA S/o SYED RAHIM R/o No 5/1 and 5/2 4th Main Road 3rd Cross Padarayanapura Bengaluru 26 have changed my name to SYED ZIA for all purposes

I, Harbir Kaur Ghataura D/o Talwinder Singh R/o 710, 3rd Main Rd, Hmt Layout, Nagasandra Post, B'lore 560073 have changed my name to Harbir Kaur for all purposes.

I, NAVEEN TAJ B. R/a# No 513, 29th Main Road, 10th Cross, EWS, Near, MES College, BTM Layout, Bengaluru-76. I, have changed my name to, ARSHIYA FIRDOSE, Vide affidavit, dated 20/09/2023 Sworn before Notary M. Rajendra Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Lakshman Ganapat Pawar S/o Late Ganpath Sukhdev Pawar R/at Old Market Acid Shop, Chickpete, Tumakuru-572101 have changed my name as Lakshman Ganapath Pawar vide affidavit dt: 20.9.2023 before Tumakuru Notary P.T.Thippanna

I Nishanth Gajbhiye S/o Raghunath Gajbhiye R/at 4023, Sobha Cinnamon and Saffron Apartment, Birla Circle, Haralur Road, Bangalore 560068 have changed my name as Nishanth Raghunath Gajbhiye in front of Notary Y.V.Shankar Bangalore.

I, SHAISTA R/a#38 Dharmaraj Koil Street, Bharthinagar, Bangalore-1. I, have changed my name to SHAISTA SHRIEFF Vide affidavit dated 21/09/2023 Sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore

I, M Ramaswamy Reddy R/o #85, 4th Main, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, B'luru-560018 have Changed my Name to M Ramachandra Reddy Vide Affidavit Dt:-18/05/2016 before Notary G Dakshahini, B'luru.

I, Sivaram Reddy Munireddy, Villa #10 Phase-2 Golden Homes, Liberty Acres, Sarjapur Rd, Indlabelle Village, B'luru-562107 have Changed my Name to Shivarama Reddy Munireddy for all Purposes.

I Solomon Sudhakar Peter S/O, Sudhakar Peter R/o Villa 40, Daiwik Sparsh Row Villa, Varthur Muthsandra Main Road, Muthasandra, Bangalore, 560087 have changed my name to Solomon Sudhakar .

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HEALTH TIP: Excessive consumption of black coffee can lead to the release of high levels of stress hormones in your body

Grapefruits, oranges, lime, and lemons are good sources of antioxidants and vitamin C, which flush out toxins from your body

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Your unique body odour could identify who you are and provide insights into your health

SCENT OF A HUMAN

From the aroma of fresh-cut grass to the smell of a loved one, you encounter scents in every part of your life.

Not only are you constantly surrounded by odour, you're also producing it. And it is so distinctive that it can be used to tell you apart from everyone around you.

Your scent is a complex product influenced by many factors, including your genetics. Researchers believe that a particular group of genes, the major histocompatibility complex, play a large role in scent production. These genes are involved in the body's immune response and are believed to influence body odor by encoding the production of specific proteins and chemicals.

But your scent isn't fixed once your body produces it. As sweat, oils and other secretions make it to the surface of your skin, microbes break down and transform these compounds, changing and adding to the odors that make up your scent. This scent medley emanates from your body and settles into the environments around you. And it can be used to track, locate or identify a particular person, as well as distinguish between healthy and unhealthy people.

We are researchers who specialise in studying human scent through the detection and characterisation of gaseous chemicals called volatile organic compounds. These gases can relay an abundance of information for both forensic researchers and health care providers.

Science of body odour

When you are near another person, you can feel their body heat without touching them. You may even be able to smell them without getting very close. The natural warmth of the human body creates a temperature differential with the air around it. You warm up the air nearest to you, while air that's farther away remains cool, creating warm currents of air that surround your body.

Researchers believe that this plume of air helps disperse your scent by pushing the millions of skin cells you shed over the course of a day off your body and into the environment. These skin cells act as boats or rafts carrying glandular secretions and your resident microbes – a combination of ingredients that emit your scent – and depositing them in your surroundings.

Your scent is composed of the volatile organic compounds present in the gases emitted from your skin. These gases are the combination of sweat, oils and trace elements exuded from the glands in your skin. The primary components of your odor depend on internal factors such as your race, ethnicity, biological sex and other traits. Secondary components waver based on factors like stress, diet and illness. And tertiary components from external sources like perfumes and soaps build on top of your distinguishable odor profile.

Identity of scent

With so many factors influencing the scent of any given person, your body odor can be used as an identifying feature. Scent detection canines searching for a suspect can look past all the other odors they encounter to follow a scent trail left behind by the person they are pursuing. This practice relies on the assumption that each person's scent is distinct enough that it can be distinguished from other people's.

Researchers have been studying the discriminating potential of human scent for over three decades. A 1988 experiment demonstrated that a dog could distinguish identical twins living apart and exposed to different environmental conditions by their scent alone. This is a feat that could not be accomplished using DNA evidence, as identical twins share the same genetic code.

The field of human scent analysis has expanded over the years to further study the composition of human scent and how it can be used as a form of forensic evidence. Researchers have seen differences in human odor composition that can be classified based on sex, gender, race and ethnicity. Our research team's 2017 study of 105 participants found that specific combinations of 15 volatile organic compounds collected from people's hands could distinguish between race and ethnicity with an accuracy of 72% for whites, 82% for East Asians and 67% for Hispanics. Based on a combination of 13 compounds, participants could be distinguished as male or female with an overall 80% accuracy.

Researchers are also producing models to predict the characteristics of a person based on their scent. From a sample pool of 30 women and 30 men, our team built a machine learning model that could predict a person's biological sex with 96% accuracy based on hand odour.

Scent of health

Odour research continues to provide insights into illnesses. Well-known examples of using scent in medical assessments include seizure and diabetic alert canines. These dogs can give their handlers time to prepare for an impending seizure or notify them when they need to adjust their blood glucose levels.

While these canines often work with a single patient known to have a condition that requires close monitoring, medical detection dogs can also indicate whether someone is ill. For example, researchers have shown that dogs can be trained to detect cancer in people. Canines have also been trained to detect COVID-19 infections at a 90% accuracy rate.

Similarly, our research team found that a laboratory analysis of hand odour samples could discriminate between people who are COVID-19 positive or negative with 75% accuracy.

Forensics of scent

Human scent offers a noninvasive method to collect samples. While direct contact with a surface like touching a doorknob or wearing a sweater provides a clear route for your scent to transfer to that surface, simply standing still will also transfer your odour into the surrounding area.

Although human scent has the potential to be a critical form of forensic evidence, it is still a developing field. Imagine a law enforcement officer collecting a scent sample from a crime scene in hopes that it may match with a suspect.

Further research into human scent analysis can help fill the gaps in our understanding of the individuality of human scent and how to apply this information in forensic and biomedical labs.

(Chantrell Frazier, Framingham State University; Kenneth G. Furton, Florida International University, and Vidia A Gokool, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Skin disease and heart

Skin-heart link
Patients with psoriasis -- a chronic systemic immune-mediated inflammatory disease -- could be at higher risk for cardiovascular disease, a new study has found.

Psoriasis, heart attack
While psoriasis affects 1-3 per cent of the global population, cardiovascular diseases like heart attack and stroke are the leading cause of death globally.

The study
Researchers from the University of Padova in Italy conducted a study on 503 psoriasis patients without clinical cardiovascular disease, who underwent transthoracic doppler echocardiography to evaluate coronary microcirculation. They found a high prevalence of coronary microvascular dysfunction in more than 30 per cent of asymptomatic patients.

Risks attached to psoriasis
"Previous studies have shown that patients with severe psoriasis have an increased cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. However, there has been limited research on the specific mechanisms underlying this increased risk, particularly regarding coronary microvascular dysfunction," said lead investigator of the study, Stefano Piaserico, Dermatology Unit, Department of Medicine, at the university.
The study also revealed that psoriasis severity -- assessed by the Psoriasis Area Severity Index (PASI) score -- and the duration of the disease are independently associated with lower coronary flow reserve (CFR), along with the presence of psoriatic arthritis. Furthermore, conventional cardiovascular risk factors, such as tobacco use, hyperlipidemia, and diabetes mellitus, were not independently associated with reduced CFR in patients with severe psoriasis. **—ANI**

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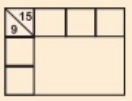
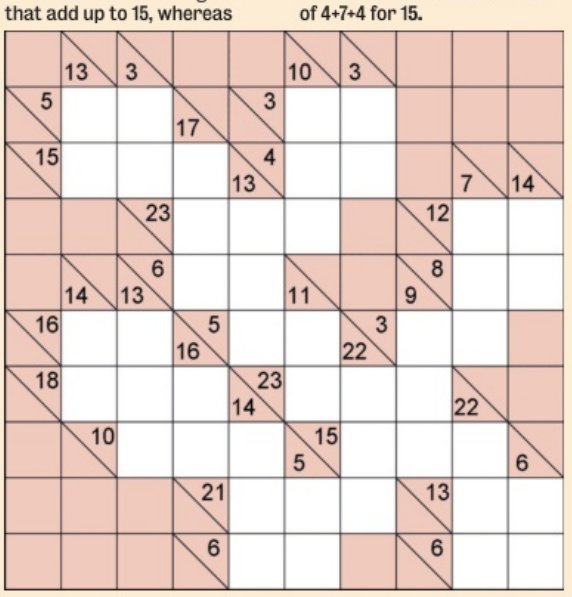
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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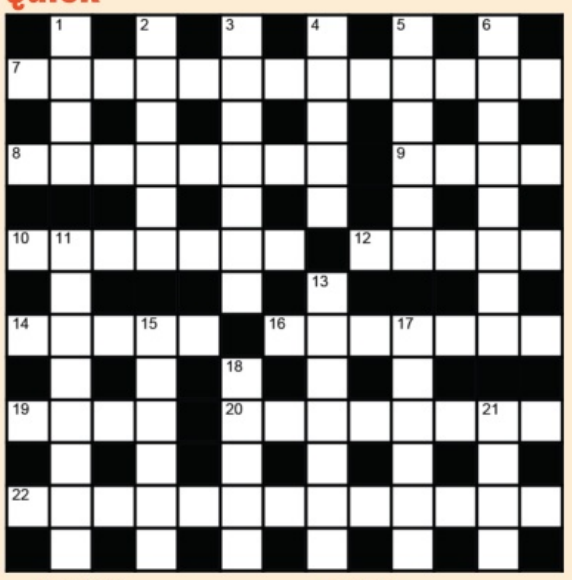


ACROSS

7 Painstaking (13)
8 Clergy house (8)
9 Conceal (4)
10 TV show instalment (7)
12 Beams or smiles; chuckles (5)
14 Grease the palms? (5)
16 ___ populated : like India or China? (7)
19 Short skirt (4)
20 Wealth (8)
22 The happy couple (5,3,5)

DOWN

1 East Asian desert (4)
2 Hollywood Academy Awards (6)
3 Goan surname–"and a rim" anagram? (7)
4 S American mountain range (5)
5 A secret code (6)
6 Related to the small intestine (8)
11 A curtain hanging across a doorway (8)
13 Returns the money taken as deposit etc. (7)
15 Renders unable to see (6)
17 ___ clear of : takes care to avoid? (6)
18 Gold mines 100 kms out of the city (5)
21 Congealed blood (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS T

OAJQAWMM VM HPW KHHAK-THVJS HPKH XJUWM PFXKS-VHR.

Linemaro

The sound of your voice sends tingles of joy down my back

Mindchow

Learn from the past, set goals for the future and live in the present

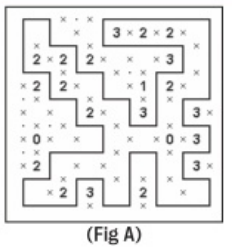
Joke of the day

It's always difficult to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally

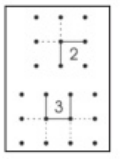
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

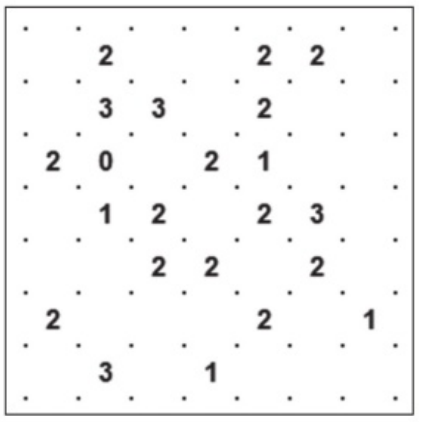


(Fig B) Not Allowed

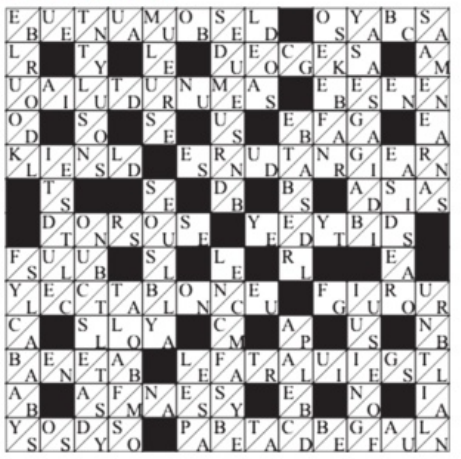
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



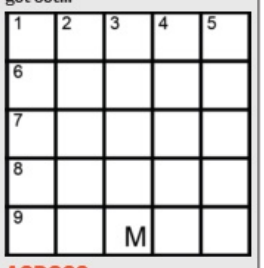
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

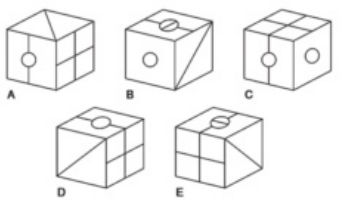
1 A prop; 6 Rider; 7 Anile; 8 Poets; 9 Smite

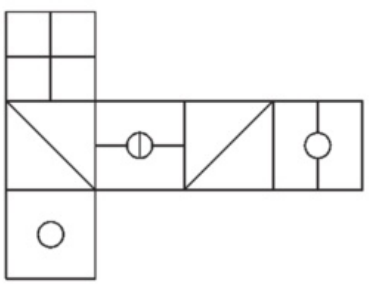
DOWN

1 Tap ad; 2 Pile I; 3 Prims; 4 Enter; 5 Ore so

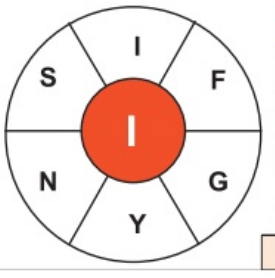
Mensapuzzle

When the above is folded to form a cube, which is the only one of the following that can be produced?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

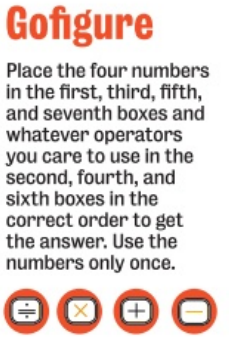
SudokuChallenge

		1	3		4	2		
			5	6	9			
9								5
1		6	4		5	8		7
	9						3	
5		3	7		8	1		6
7								2
			6	4	7			
		9	2		1	3		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 8

3 4 5 6

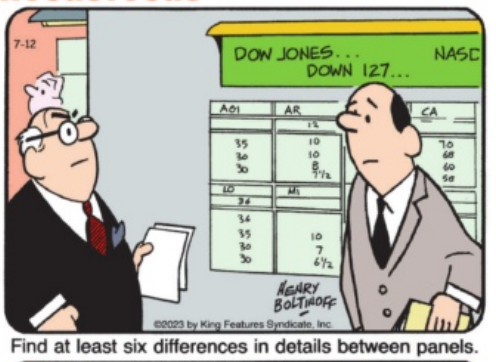
Medium = 1

3 4 6 7

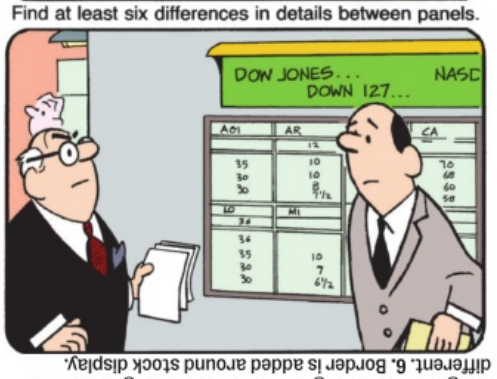
Hard = 46

3 5 9 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



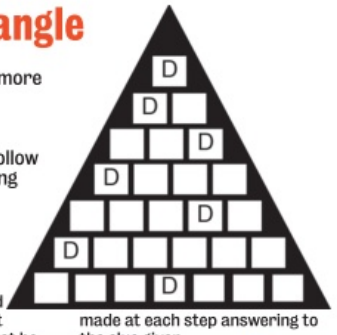
Differences: 1. Paper is added. 2. Man is thinner. 3. Light is not as long. 4. Arm is not showing. 5. Hand is different. 6. Border is added around stock display.

Riddler

Concise spice. Not a dot. Lead with speed. Jot a thought. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Five hundred
2 Princess, alas no more
3 Cover
4 Food shop
5 Move smoothly
6 A small wooded hollow
7 Merging or blending



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

PE-E-YEW!! WHAT'S THAT SMELL?!
6-28
I'M MAKING A CHEST POULTICE AND SPILLED A LITTLE SULFUR IN THE FIRE
YOUR MOTHER'S HERE, ISN'T SHE? I RECOGNIZE HER PERFUME

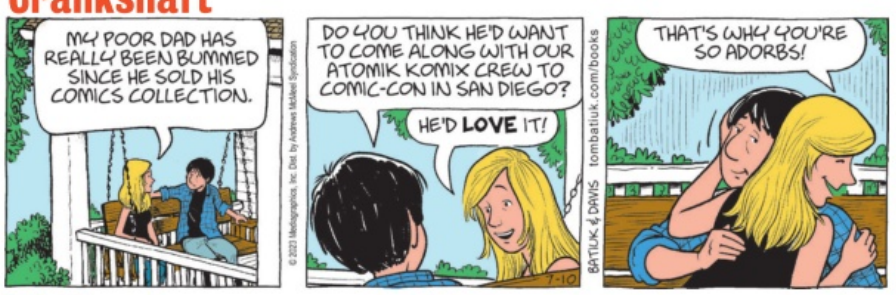
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HEART, I'M NOT MAD THAT YOU STOOD UP FOR KAT.
BUT WHY DID YOU TRY TO FIGHT DANA OVER SOMETHING SHE DIDN'T EVEN DO? I THOUGHT YOU WERE FRIENDS NOW.
AAAUUUGGHHH! TECHNICALLY, WE'RE RIVALS...

Crankshaft


MY POOR DAD HAS REALLY BEEN BUMMED SINCE HE SOLD HIS COMICS COLLECTION.
DO YOU THINK HE'D WANT TO COME ALONG WITH OUR ATOMIK KOMIX CREW TO COMIC-CON IN SAN DIEGO?
HE'D LOVE IT!
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO ADORBS!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved, which may strengthen your relationship with them. Your vital force seems to be good; it may help you complete difficult projects easily. You may expand your network after a work-related trip. You may also help some needy people, which may increase your prestige. You may meet some influential people who will be helpful in the near future in terms of the professional front.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be busy with your family; you may feel happy to enjoy time with family or friends. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your financial health. You may control your expenditures on worthless stuff. You may buy some worthwhile things that may increase your social status. You may also be busy with the kids' academics.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel energetic, your performance may be fast, you may complete your task within the time frame; it makes you happy, and you may also encourage someone who is depressed. Your prestige may be increased. There may be some balance between domestic and professional lives. Natives related to import and export, trading, and strategy analysis may do better now.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today some dissatisfaction may come into your mind; you may feel lazy and dull, which affects your current speed of the project or work in terms of delay. Lovebirds are advised to avoid any important decisions in terms of marriage. Job seekers may get disappointed in terms of interviews. You will waste your precious time on worthless tasks.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel dull, your focus may be lost on your targets, and you may hypothetically take some decision that may be seen beyond reality. Your expectations may be very high, and because of your impatience, you may not be able to fulfil them. You may be upset. You are advised to be careful on adventure tours and rash driving. But by afternoon, your profits may increase, and you are likely to start working with some new clients, which will increase the business in the near future.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are likely to control your internal weakness after analysing yourself; you may be confident. You may fight against flesh and addictions to any stuff. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds are now having clarity in their relationship. You may expect some opportunities for overseas travel. Students will hear good news in terms of academics.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today situations are under control, and you may feel better. You may plan for overseas travel. Your network may help you on the work front. Some increase in domestic harmony. You may be more creative; you may bring some artefacts or creative stuff for family or the office. You may also plan on watching movies or other entertainment with friends or family.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is not a positive day; you may be disappointed. Your focus on your work may not be good, but it affects your routine work. Your projects may be delayed. It is advised to sustain yourself in the current situation. Investments in the fixed assets shall be postponed for a while. You are advised to postpone a plan for the construction of a house or office.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
At the start of the week, you will expect financial gains. You will make a balance between your earnings and expenses, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss will give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You will get back your money from your lenders. You will be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies. Your health would be better now.

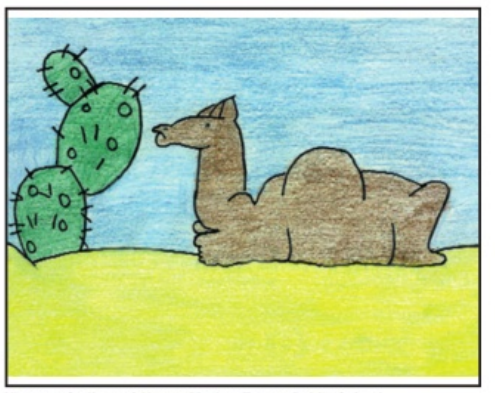
Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some stuff to decorate your house to maintain your social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse. It creates harmony in domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may be settled. You may get good news in terms of litigation.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel energetic, and your old diseases may be cured. You may hear some good news from a close relative. You may perform well in the office, and your subordinates may help you with a difficult project. You may develop trust in your subordinate staff. It may increase your prestige in society. You may also hear good news in some legal matters.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel that life is becoming difficult, and you are likely to take some advice from your elders to sustain in the given situation. You need to have patience. Kids education also makes you upset; you may have a short trip in terms of kids' academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments. You may plan to enrol in a course that will enhance your educational skills.

KIDZONE

Manoj Kumar, 9 Years, Bharthiya Public School



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Progress is the attraction that moves humanity.

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
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GO FIGURE
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3 – 4 x 6 + 7 = 1
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9 + 5 x 3 + 4 = 46

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It takes one take

There is no dearth of Kannada movies filmed in one take. Duniya Vijay-starrer Daksha was shot in 140 minutes nine years ago. Dr Shivarajkumar-starred movie Sugreeva was shot in 18 hours. Now, Muthuraj, who debuts as a director in Sandalwood with Young Man, joins the list. Young Man is a 158-minute-long film.

"I worked as associate director for a few Kannada movies. I wanted to prove my mettle by completing the shoot of this movie in a single take. Preparations were made three months before the movie went on floors. I organised a workshop for the artistes as most are newcomers," says Muthuraj adding the movie conveys a message on the importance of patriotism and its climax will linger in the minds of the audiences.

He also said it was his parents who encouraged him to become a director.

On his experience during the shoot, cinematographer Venus Nagaraj Murthy said special cameras were used to shoot this movie at a house in Kanakapura.

Murali, the creative head of Young Man, said that arrangements are being made to ensure this movie enters the Limca Book of National Records.

On hyperthymesia

Bharath Lakshmikantha, who works at a company, debuts as a director with Dvandva. Prior to this, Bharath wrote scripts for a few Kannada movies.

Dvandva revolves around a girl with hyperthymesia syndrome. Hyperthymesia is an ability that allows people to remember every event of their life with great precision.

"The movie is about the incidents that took place in a single day from 6 am to 6 pm. The movie has all elements, including politics and science fiction, to entertain audiences. I wrote the script and screenplay apart from handling the megaphone for this movie. The climax of the movie is what happens to politicians who use the girl with hyperthymesia syndrome," says the director.

A function was held at Renukamba Preview Theatre at Malleswaram for the release of the movie's trailer and two songs recently. "I did not work under any director. I did a diploma in direction more than a decade ago. The shoot of the movie was held for 37 days in Bengaluru, Mudigere, Sakleshpur, and Ooty."

Kannada tele serial Kanyakumari fame Asia Firdose and Nayana are lead actresses while Tilak plays a psychologist. Anita Bhat, Dinesh Mangaluru, HMT Vijay, Raghu Ramanakoppa, Bala Rajwadi, and Varun Krishna are the other cast in the movie.

What's your story?

Sonam Kapoor on the importance of an incredible story

Actor Sonam Kapoor is extremely excited for the Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival.

She is the brand ambassador for options market 'Word To Screen' at the festival.

On her association with Word to Screen, Sonam said, "As actors, we are constantly looking for compelling, disruptive and engaging stories that touch the hearts of the people. By supporting a platform like Word to Screen, I am taking a step towards ensuring the industry benefits from this initiative and we tell a lot more meaningful stories to our audience. As a voracious reader, I understand the power of an incredible story and how a well-written book can form the backbone of a compelling film narrative."

She added, "I would urge publishers, writers, and creators to make the most of this platform. I am excited to discuss the power of the story in cinema with authors and filmmakers at the event, exchange ideas, and hopefully be a catalyst to contribute to our industry that has given me so much. I am also looking forward to announcing nominations for the Book on Cinema award at the event; the award will be given out during the Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival."

Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival will take place from Friday, October 27 to Sunday, November 5, 2023, in Mumbai.

— ANI

Okay, it could have been better

Hollywood star Chris Evans has confessed his movie 'Ghosted' "could have been better" after it was criticised by critics.

The star appeared in the Apple TV Plus action movie opposite 'Blonde' actress Ana de Armas, playing a man who is ditched by his love interest who turns out to be a secret agent, reports ace-showbiz.com.

The film, however, was deemed a critical failure after receiving a slew of negative reviews and Chris has now admitted the film could have been done differently. In an interview with GQ magazine, Evans believed to have been given prior to the SAG-AFTRA actors union strike. He said: " 'Ghosted' to me felt like a movie that I grew up on, a movie that maybe we don't see very much anymore. And the question is whether or not audiences have outgrown those types of films?"

He added: "I didn't think audiences had outgrown it prior, and I still don't think they have, despite the fact, I mean, technically I think we did okay on, in terms of viewership. Critics didn't like it."

"But that's more the fault of the movie as opposed to the appetite of the audience. I think the appetite's there, if it's done properly. We could have been better."

During the interview he also spoke about his time in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, comparing being a part of 'The Avengers' to playing in a Super Bowl game.

—IANS

Birthday wishes for Bebo

As Kareena Kapoor Khan turned a year older on Thursday, wishes kept pouring in. Alia Bhatt and Soha Ali Khan shared a cute throwback picture to wish Bebo.

Taking to Instagram story, Alia posted a throwback picture of her and Kareena from her wedding festivities.

Sharing the picture, she wrote, "to the ultimate queeeeeeeen. birthday bebo.. love youuuuu."

Kareena and Alia share a great bond -- after all, they are family.

Not only Alia and Soha but other B-Town celebs and family members took to their respective social media handles to wish the actor on her birthday.

Soha Ali Khan shared the family picture featuring Kareena, Saif Ali Khan, Taimur, Jeh and wrote, "Happy birthday bebo bhabi! May you continue to light the way as an inspiration to so many - and may you truly enjoy this birthday and year as one filled with love, good health, family, work, holidays and celebration!! You deserve it. missing you but see you soon! @kareenakapoorkhan."

Soha's husband and actor Kunal Kemmu uploaded a collage with cute pictures of him with Kareena bhabhi.

He captioned the post, "To the many hats you wear and many roles you play on screen and off it too. You are Aces all around. We love you and cherish you." — ANI